

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization  
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date  
8 February 2001 (08.02.2001)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number  
**WO 01/09460 A1**

- (51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: E04F 15/02, 13/14
- (21) International Application Number: PCT/GB00/01678
- (22) International Filing Date: 2 May 2000 (02.05.2000)
- (25) Filing Language: English
- (26) Publication Language: English
- (30) Priority Data:  
9909989.7 30 April 1999 (30.04.1999) GB  
9910892.0 11 May 1999 (11.05.1999) GB
- (71) Applicant and  
(72) Inventor: DONNELLAN, Anthony [GB/GB]; Maskells Farm House, Boxford Lane, Boxford, Suffolk CO10 5JY (GB).
- (74) Agent: WILLIAM JONES LIMITED; Willow Lane House, Willow Lane, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1EU (GB).
- (81) Designated States (national): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (regional): ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TI, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

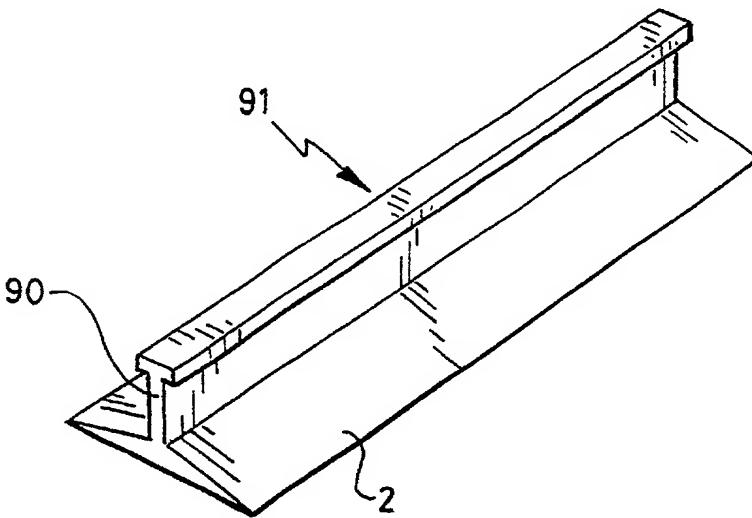
Published:

— With international search report.

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

(54) Title: A TILING AID

WO 01/09460 A1



(57) Abstract: A tiling guide (1) to aid the placement of tiles on to a surface comprises an elongate substantially flat strip having fixing means (12) to secure the guide (1) to a surface. The guide (1) is provided with a ridge (3) against which a tile can be aligned, and is so sized as to be obscured from view following conventional grouting. The ridge (3) may be provided with a series of cut-outs, and preferably has a castellated shape to enable the guide (1) to be rolled up during storage and transportation. Fixing means (12) is preferably in the form of a layer of adhesive protected prior to use by a peelable paper strip (11).